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# DAHLIAS

## *De Luxe*



"MADONNA"

Pure White Decorative Dahlia

*Grown and Imported by*

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## **“Quality Above All Else”**

YOU will find among these novelties a number not listed in other catalogues because I am placing these varieties on the market over a year in advance. I believe I am giving you such good value that this method will insure me a return of your patronage. If you want the “really new things” you will find them in this list.

## To Dahlia Lovers



HAVE endeavored to secure for my customers the very latest and best novelties. For this purpose I have purchased the choicest and newest varieties from the leading growers both abroad and in this country. In addition to these, I have added a few of the meritorious standard sorts which were novelties within the past few years. The list is short because it represents the cream of all classes listed. Each variety is suitable both for exhibition and garden, as I have chosen only those which have strong flowering stems.

The stock of some of these high class novelties is limited owing to the scarcity of the introducers stock and growers desiring to secure plants or tubers will do well to place their orders early in order to avoid disappointment. Owing to the fact that the majority of the varieties listed are novelties it is impossible to send out anything but plants and pot-grown tubers, and both of these I consider superior to field-grown divisions.



# Decorative Dahlias

(SPECIAL NOVELTY)

*Very scarce, green plants only, \$10.00 each.*

**King of the Autumn.** The grower of this wonderful variety, perhaps the greatest raiser of dahlias in the world, considers this the crowning achievement of his career as a grower. "The shade is quite new, buff yellow and terra-cotta suffused through it. It is unique in color and shows great vigor in flower, stem and foliage. It will be a winner at every show. We consider it the best dahlia introduced by us."

## Novelties of 1917

*Green plants only, \$2.00 each.*

**Madonna.** The flowers are of the hybrid Cactus type, and though bold and large are not coarse.

The blooms are often over 8 inches across, and the ivory-white petals, which glisten, are so numerous, that high, full-centered flowers can always be expected.

The habit is compact and perfect, and it is exceptionally free in blooming, and in addition to being so free-flowering and constant the blooms are borne on long, stiff stems, and last well for many days when cut.

**Leviathan.** "A monster decorative, with blooms carried on huge stems, perfectly erect, the florets being broad at the base, but reflexed and narrower at the points. Flowers massive and solid. Color orange scarlet throughout. A really wonderful variety, and one well worth the attention of every grower."

## Novelties of 1916

(STOCK SCARCE)

*Green plants only, \$1.50 each.*

**George Walter.** The color is a very pleasing shade of pink, shading to yellow at the base. The flower is bold of habit, large of size and won a special silver medal at the Panama-Pacific International Exhibition, and at the National Flower Show, P. P. I. E.

**Henry Maier.** The flowers are a pure yellow and it is claimed to be the best yellow decorative. Created a sensation on the Pacific Coast last year. Flowers are very large and the stems strong and plant vigorous.

## Novelty of 1915

*Pot plants or pot tubers 50 cents each.*

**Sulphurea.** An English novelty and a novelty in every sense of the word. Resembles a huge yellow chrysanthemum as the petals are exceedingly numerous, long and extremely narrow. I was probably the first to show it in this country and it won first prize for the best novelty at the exhibition of the Paterson Floricultural Society and third prize for the largest bloom in the show. It is sulphur yellow in color and a strong grower.

## Meritorious Varieties

*Potted plants or tubers 50 cents each.*

**Corrie.** Heliotrope suffused pink, enormous flowers on long strong stems.

**Futurity.** One of the finest, large flowers on strong stalks. A rose pink shaded salmon and yellow. A magnificent flower. Should be in every collection.

**Hortulanus Fiet.** A monster flower of a delicate shade of shrimp pink, the tip of each petal touched with gold.

## Standard Varieties

*Pot roots and field divisions 25 cents each.*

**Sebastopol.** (Decorative.) One of the finest of recent introduction. Flowers rich, bright orange, of good substance, borne freely on long stiff stems. The best in its class and color.

**Le Grand Manitou.** Very large decorative variety; white, more or less striped with violet red and occasionally bears flowers of a solid violet color.

**Hortulanus Witte.** A wonderful giant of purest white on long strong stems.

**Royal Purple.** (Decorative.) Solid purple sport of Le Grand Manitou.

## English Cactus Dahlias

### Novelties of 1917

*Potted plants only, \$1.50 each.*

**Lord Kitchener.** Through the kindness of the introducer I have been able to secure a limited stock of this sterling novelty. This exceedingly free flowering variety, in color a lovely shade of reddish salmon, produces perfectly shaped, finely quilled blooms, borne on long, rigid and erect flower stems and is excellent for exhibition or garden effect.

**Washington.** "The best crimson in our collection, and six blooms formed the best bunch in our first prize exhibit at the N.D.S. The flowers are very large and of pronounced incurved form, being both broad and deep, in fact few varieties produce flowers of equal weight and quality. It has a capital habit, flowering abundantly, the stems being long and wiry, and the foliage dark. A grand addition." Height 5-ft.

**Fearless.** "One of the largest Dahlias, if not quite the largest we have. The florets are very long, slightly incurved and as narrow as needles, the flowers exceeding in width almost any other variety. The blooms last well, and are less affected by hot sunshine or rain than is the case with most of the Cactus. Color bright orange scarlet throughout. Plants of wiry growth, and produce a long succession of full centered flowers." Height 4-ft.

**A. R. Perry.** "A large bold flower, with incurved tubular florets. Color old rose tipped with gold, and with golden sheen at the base. A grand variety for exhibition, making up striking bunches in threes or sixes, and equally telling as single flowers. Plants strong and vigorous, and flower stems good. Quite one of our best." Height 5-ft.

**Sentinel.** "A grand variety, requiring little if any thinning, and no disbudding, yet producing great flowers on huge stems. The color is for the most part a shade of deep rose, but at the base of the florets there is a disc of white, which prettily relieves and enhances the darker coloring. This should prove a welcome addition for those who require strong stemmed flowers, yet of good Cactus type and large size." Height 5-ft.

## Novelties of 1916

*Potted plants and pot tubers \$1.00 each.*

✓ **Valiant.** "One of the finest Cactus introduced by us for some years. A giant flower of brilliant crimson color, carried on a giant stem. Form perfectly incurved, and florets long, narrow and intermingled. Plants robust and healthy in growth, and need but little thinning as the flowers are so large and the florets numerous."

**NOTE:** This variety won first prize at the American Dahlia Society's Annual Show in New York last fall for being the largest bloom of any class in the show. It is a monster and should be in every collection. I cannot praise it too highly.



**Melody.** "One of the most distinct of the newer varieties. Color clear yellow for half the length of the florets, the remainder being pure white. Flowers of first-rate size, typical cactus form, and great depth. Plants healthy, of good habit and flower on strong stems."

## Novelties of 1915

*Potted plants or pot tubers 50 cents each.*

**Pierrot.** "A unique and striking variety, the color being deep amber, boldly tipped with pure white. The flowers are very large, and we particularly recommend that the plants be allowed to grow almost natural as regards thinning. The plants have a splendid habit."

**NOTE:** This is another monster, especially when disbudded. It attracted great attention at all the shows where it was shown.

**Fascination.** "A beauty, the flowers being of great size, with long incurving florets. Color, pure white in the center gradually deepening till a soft clear pink is reached towards the tips of florets. Plants of capital habit, producing flowers freely."

**Irene Satis.** "Plants have a free bushy style of growth. Flowers full in the center and of large size. The color is amber, deepening to bronze on the older florets. A capital all-round Cactus."

**Homer.** Bright maroon very large, incurved flower, upright rigid stems of average length. A remarkably beautiful flower and the best dark cactus in existence.

**F. W. Fellowes.** "This variety produces huge flowers with surprising freedom. In addition to its phenomenal size it is grand in every way, the florets being narrow and so numerous as to allow of the blooms remaining full in the center until long past their prime. The plants have a capital style of growth, the flower stems being particularly wiry. Color bright orange scarlet throughout. Although not of incurved form this is a grand exhibition Cactus."

## Standard Varieties of Merit

*Pot tubers only, 25 cents each.*

**Frederick Wenham.** "One of the largest Cactus Dahlias. The growth is perfectly upright and the stems as stiff as cane. Color warm fawn-pink, with soft salmon at the center."

**John Riding.** "For exhibition this is one of our finest introductions, its exceptional size, perfect form, great depth, and deep rich crimson color, placing it in the front rank."

**Dr. Roy Appleton.** "Flowers of the largest size. Color, a light lemon yellow, deepening to light salmon."

## Pæony Dahlias

### Novelties of 1917

**Princess Mary.** "Vivid light pink, margined blush. One of the showiest varieties in pink. Carries a mass of flowers on strong stems and is considered the best pink heretofore distributed. It will be one of the most popular dahlias. Very rare. Green plants only \$3.00 each.

**Bloemhaven.** Said to be one of the best varieties in existence. Rose lilac, stems extra long and erect. Green plants only \$1.50 each.

### Novelties of 1916

*Green plants only, \$1.00 each.*

**Helianthus.** An immense flower, bright citron yellow, tinted cream. A striking novelty.

**Meyerbeer.** Claimed to be the largest pæony dahlia in commerce. Purple lined crimson. Very strong stems. Most distinct and striking. Green plants only \$1.00 each.

### Novelties of 1915

*Green plants or pot roots 50 cents each.*

**Coronation.** Undoubtedly one of the best introductions of this glorious section, the plants producing an abundance of blooms carried on splendid stems measuring 18 inches, color a charming salmon-terracotta.

**Old Gold.** Produces very large blooms on strong stems. Color is old gold with deep amber tints. A very beautiful variety.

**Souv. de Maasdiik.** It's large, light salmon-orange, flowers are borne on long stems. A free bloomer and an excellent variety.

**Professor Wijsman.** White with lavender spotted reflex. Petals curl peculiarly making a pretty effect. Large flowers.



**Portia.** Cinnamon color, suffused violet. An odd shade. An immense flower on strong stems. Fine foliage and an unusually strong grower.

**Seraphine.** A pure yellow on very long strong stalks. A free blooming variety and very meritorious.

**Oriana.** Pure rose; very large flowers and one of the best of its class.

## Standard Varieties of Merit

*Pot roots or potted plants 35 cents each.*

**Norah Lindsay.** One of the largest of this type, free flowering, dove color, suffused pink, mauve reverse.

**Glory of Nijkerk.** Dark purple, reddish tint. A very large flower. Very seldom shows a center. Greatly admired.

**Minister Talma.** Extra large, well shaped flowers of glorious rose color shaded with yellow; borne on stout erect stems.

**Jan Olieslagers.** Remarkably large yellow flowers, standing perfectly upright on long stiff stems; very free flowering and lasting a long time after being cut.

**Phideas.** A winner at the largest show in England last fall. Pink on yellow ground. Large and very effective.

## Standard Varieties

*Pot roots only, 25 cents each.*

**Amber Queen.** A lovely flower. Amber shaded scarlet. One of the finest.

**South Pole.** Pure white. Produced exceedingly large blooms last year. Said to be the best white.

**Titian.** Shaded rose, very large and one of the best.

## Hybrid Dahlias

*Potted plants and divisions 75 cents each.*

**Attraction.** Large, elegant flowers of a clear lilac, rose color; long strong stalks.

Will be an attraction at every Dahlia-show. It is an exhibition flower and garden Dahlia of rare merit.

**Yellow King.** "The finest Pæony-Dahlia ever shown." clear, yellow, large, elegant flower, on long stiff stalks.

✓ **Mrs. Warnaar.** Large elegant flowers. Creamy white, with pink. Long stiff stalks. A "Garden Cactus" of superior quality. Award of Merit, Haarlem, 1914. Award of Merit, Amsterdam, 1914.

NOTE: The above three dahlias are wonderful, and are of the hybrid cactus pæony type, and are truly wonderful, flowers lasting long on the bush and when cut.

## Meritorious Variety

*Potted plants and divisions 35 cents each.*

**Kalif.** A hybrid cactus of immense size, deep red in color, borne on long strong stems. Very popular with those who grow for exhibition.

## Show Dahlias

I list only the best of this class. Field divisions—  
Potted plants and pot roots.

### Novelty of 1916

*75 cents each.*

**Clara Seaton.** An enormous flower of most attractive and uncommon coloring. Best described as rich gold bronze or apricot. Stems are long, making it an excellent dahlia for cutting. Very free blooming and an all-around good dahlia for any purpose.

### Novelties of 1915

*50 cents each.*

✓ **Gloire de Paris.** Undoubtedly the largest of all show Dahlias; a giant in every meaning of the word. Color a deep purple scarlet with velvety reflex; very rich and showy.

✓ **General Miles.** The flowers are the largest of the Fancy type, color a clear violet rose, heavily striped and spotted purple; a real prize winner.

## Terms

**Cash With Order.** Remittance can be made by post office or express money order, registered letter or by personal check. No orders shipped C.O.D., owing to the fact that these are novelties and the demand may exceed the supply. Money will be returned at once if stock is sold out, unless the purchaser adds a substitute list. In that case, only Dahlias of equal merit and value will be sent. Plants will be sent out in May or when ordered.

**Warranty.** While I exert the greatest care in sending out my stock true to name, I will in no way be responsible for the crop other than to replace such stock as may prove untrue or defective, or its value in other varieties listed in this catalog.

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